

HOUSE No. 1369

By Mr. Hynes of Marshfield, petition of Frank M. Hynes for legislation to establish a grant program to assist cities and towns in repairing, rebuilding and restoring beaches, shores, seawalls and other coastal property. Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Five.

AN ACT TO PROTECT THE COAST.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

- 1 There is hereby established in the Executive Office of Environ-
- 2 mental Affairs, Department of Environmental Management, Divi-
- 3 sion of Waterways, a grant program to assist Massachusetts
- 4 coastal cities and towns in repairing, rebuilding, restoring
- 5 beaches, shores, seawalls, and dunes and other structures neces-
- 6 sary to protect the shores of property of said coastal communities.
- 7 Such grant programs shall have an annual appropriation sub-
- 8 mitted as a separate line item within the Division of Waterways,
- 9 of no less than \$2 million.